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Constituency  
re-demarcation  
a must after  
every census  
EC counsel tells court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission's (EC) counsel Advocate Mahmudul Islam yesterday told the High Court (HC) that the commission is constrained to delimit the parliamentary constituencies for the next parliamentary polls as per the constitutional rules.

He said as per Article 8(1) of the constitution, the EC has to delimit the parliamentary constituencies afresh before holding each general election and after each population census in the country, but the EC had not delimit the constituencies after the census in 2001.

He said the EC had no other options but to delimit the parliamentary constituencies this year.

Advocate Mahmudul Islam also said the EC had redrawn the constituencies following the rules of

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TAX EVASION  
Charges framed  
against Mayor  
Mohiuddin

UNB, Ctg

A court here yesterday framed charges against Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury in a tax evasion case.

Judge SM Soliman of the Divisional Special Judge's Court framed the charges and fixed November 5 for recording depositions by prosecution witnesses.

Earlier on October 23, the court rejected a petition of Mohiuddin's counsel for discharging him from the case.

Ziaul Haque, additional commissioner of taxes, Chittagong, filed the case against the mayor on September 9 this year on charge of evading Tk 27.58 lakh income tax.

He alleged that Mohiuddin concealed information of wealth worth Tk 1.13 crore in his statement submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Mayor Mohiuddin was released

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5 cops asked to  
appear in court  
for assaulting  
shooter Asif

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has summoned five police personnel to appear before it on February 4 next year in connection with the assault of three shooters, including Commonwealth Games gold-medallist Asif Hossain Khan, on October 2, 2006.

The order followed a judicial enquiry into the attacks made by a metropolitan magistrate. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) AKM Enamul Haque passed the order on October 18.

The accused are Deputy Commissioner of police Obaidur Rahman Khan, the then officer-in-charge (OC) of Gulshan Police

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Mufti Hannan  
remanded in  
abduction case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Harkatul Jihad (Hujji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan on a two-day remand in a case filed for kidnapping a physician in the capital's Mirpur in September 2003.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Monimul Hassan passed the order after the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) produced Hannan before the court with a three-day remand prayer.

Homeopathic physician Azizur Rahman, who lived on Mazar Road at Mirpur, was kidnapped on

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Prayer Timing

October 29		
Fajr	Azan	Jamaat
4-50	5-25	
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-32	5-35
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Go for nuke power to tackle outage

CPD dialogue asks govt to act on it right away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Geneva.

He stressed formation of an "independent regulatory body" which would separately provide regulatory supports to nuclear power sector so that it is not affected by existing complicated power system.

Debapriya's remarks came following a suggestion by M Asaduzzaman, research director of BIDS, who presented a keynote paper on "Energy for Development Options and Strategies for Bangladesh".

As Asaduzzaman made the recommendation, most of the participants including Dr M Tamim, chief adviser's special assistant for energy, supported it.

The Centre for Policy Dialogue

(CPD) and the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) organised the dialogue at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

CPD Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhni chaired the discussion attended by power sector stakeholders, government officials and experts.

A debate on whether Bangladesh is ready for nuclear power melted when the chief adviser's special assistant and the chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) revealed their initiatives to set up a nuclear power plant.

"I have been encouraging the

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Tigers make it a match

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh turned the 'two-day' second and final Test against New Zealand into a contest after losing three unnecessary wickets late yesterday.

After rain washed out the first three days, it was expected that the remaining two days would be academic at best but Bangladesh ended the day on a disastrous 13 for three under fading light at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, after the visitors declared their first innings at 262 for six.

In the tenth over, opener Zunaed Siddiqui charged down the wicket, missed Daniel Vettori's first delivery and although there was a momentary lapse from wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum, Zunaed made a futile attempt to get back and was caught short by the Black Caps stumper for four.

When all expected a night-watchman or even a word into the umpires' ear for bad light, in walked Mohammad Ashraful and his dismissal to the New Zealand skipper was inevitable. Second

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PHOTO: STAR

Elderly hajj pilgrims queue up for health certificates as the government inaugurated Haji Camp in the capital yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

Residents of the city's Shahid Nagar in Lalbagh make their way through knee-deep water even after light rains that lead to severe waterlogging in the area.

## Shahid Nagar goes under water with a little rain

HELEMUL ALAM

Residents of Shahid Nagar in the city's Lalbagh area suffer waterlogging even in light rains as drains there are choked with garbage and can hardly carry rainwater.

The irony is that the open drains laid on either side of the roads seven years back to improve waterlogging are now the main source of the problem.

In the absence of a sewerage system, many locals have linked their house sewers to the drains. Besides, some dump waste directly into the drains.

The drains were constructed after the natural reservoirs like

ponds and ditches had been filled up to make way for new houses.

Chunnu Mian, who lives on Road-3 in Shahid Nagar, said irresponsible dumping habits of fellow residents and indifference of the authorities to the situation defeat the purpose of the drains.

"As most of us have connected their sewer pipes with the drains, excreta and household waste make waterlogging even worse and expose us to serious health hazards," he observed.

His neighbour Mohammad Bacchu said the road goes under ankle- to knee-deep water even after 15 minutes of rain since the drains are almost blocked.

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## Govt role favoured extremism

Allege protesters of sculpture removal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Further delay by the caretaker government regarding reinstallation of sculptures of bauls removed recently from the airport area would only confirm the government's patronisation of extremist politics in the country, speakers at a discussion said yesterday.

Referring to the government's role in removing the sculptures in face of demonstrations, speakers said every action appears to be a move to establish anti-liberation forces in power through the upcoming election.

The speakers call on all people to unite against these anti-liberation forces and use the coming election to eliminate those using religion to create divisions among people.

Prof Muntasir Mamun said, "Unless they had been given special assistance, the madrasa

## 15 hurt by land grabbers during eviction drive

A CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 15 people including a photo-journalist and 13 officials of Narayanganj municipality were injured in an attack by land grabbers during an eviction drive on Mir Jumla Road in Narayanganj yesterday.

Six municipality vehicles were also damaged in the incident.

Later, municipality officials with the help of police demolished the illegal structures set up about 22 years ago.

The municipality officials along with local councillors went to Mir Jumla Road on Monday to demolish illegal structures on both sides of the road.

When the shop owners under the banner of Narayanganj Nagarik Committee requested the councillors and municipality officials to give them time to move the shops elsewhere, they asked the shop owners to remove the illegal structures by 10:00am yesterday.

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PHOTO: STAR

Land grabbers attack municipality officials at Mir Jumla Road in Narayanganj yesterday during an eviction drive, leaving 15 people injured.

## No trace yet of abducted Brac officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Frustration grips the families of two Brac officials abducted in Ghazni province of Afghanistan on Thursday as their whereabouts are still unknown.

Six days into the abduction, Brac officials in Dhaka yesterday said neither the Afghan authorities nor their office in Afghanistan can say where Akhter Ali and Mohammad Shahjahan Ali have been kept or who are their abductors.

"Can anyone tell me what they are doing to my son? I cannot bear it anymore... Maybe they are beating up my son," Afzana Khutun Lily, Akhter's mother, broke down in tears while talking to this correspondent yesterday.

Since the abduction, the mother almost every day sits quiet holding a photograph of Akhter at her other son Ashraf Ali Palash's house in Mohammadpur.

The Brac officials' assurance of

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